

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2939 - SB 3300

February 14, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes a rural poverty center within Tennessee Technological University's College of Education. Requires the University to submit a report annually to the Governor and the members of the General Assembly documenting the activities and accomplishments of the program. Requires the Tennessee Board of Regents in conjunction with the Tennessee Higher Education Commission to promulgate rules.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

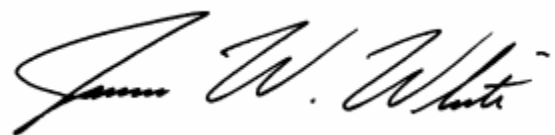
**Increase State Expenditures - \$22,900/One-Time
\$320,000/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- Additional personnel required to staff the center would be one Program Director, two FTE faculty, one support staff position, and two graduate assistants.
- Recurring costs for staff would total \$319,966 (salaries and benefits - \$297,766; travel - \$19,200; supplies - \$3,000).
- There would be a one-time cost for equipment of \$22,875. Equipment includes computer and office furniture plus ongoing equipment expenses to support laboratory and department needs for three staff positions at \$7,625 per person.
- Any cost to THEC and TBR for the promulgation of rules and reporting purpose can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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